

## 2008-2012 Strategic Plan 4th Quarter (FY 2010) Report of Progress

Since adoption of the KDFWR Strategic Plan FY 2008-2012 (July 1, 2007), the Department has made noticeable strides and progress on a number of strategic and operational objectives. After the department updated its plan at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2010, we continue to implement strategies and action plans to help realize additional achievements.

Described below is a summary of the department's efforts toward achieving specific operational objectives during the 4th quarter of Fiscal Year 2010 (April – June, 2010).

## **Objective**

## **Summary Progress**

**1.1.e.** Expand stream restoration projects by 43,000 linear feet per year and locate at least two land acquisition projects under the FILO program by the end of FY 2012.

In FY 2010, there have been 63,860 linear feet of new stream projects approved. Three land acquisitions tracts have been located. This brings the total for the last three fiscal years to 437,541 linear feet.

**1.2.f.** To increase private lands enrolled in public access agreements by 20 thousand acres annually by the end of FY 2012.

This past quarter, the department entered into a public access agreement for <u>8,160 additional acres</u> as part of the Asher Hunting Access Agreement.

**1.5.e.** Update the state wildlife action plan by the end of FY 2010.

The Wildlife Division has completed the draft update for the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP), which is due to the USFWS by the end of Federal fiscal year, October 30, 2010. Prior to final approval, the department will post the SWAP on our website for public review.

**2.1.a.** Build or renovate 6 boating access sites per year by the end of FY 2012.

At of the end of the third quarter, the department had completed 7 boat ramp projects. In this past and final quarter for FY 2010, the Engineering Division reports 4 additional boating access sites that have been built or renovated: 1)Patterson's Landing - Calloway County - Asphalt Project 2)Boyd's Branch - Calloway County - Asphalt Project 3)Falmouth - Pendleton County - Asphalt Project 4)Shepherdsville Boat Ramp - Bullitt County - New Boat Ramp on Salt River. Overall in this fiscal year, the department has seen 10 boating access projects completed.

KDFWR-owned land by 10,000 acres by the end of FY 2012.

**2.1.d.** Increase the amount of Last quarter, with the help of FILO, the department began pursuing 2 new land tracts that are under consideration including two wetland sections of 140 acres, which is in addition to 2 tracts at Sturgis (218 acres) and Laurel Gorge (698.63 acres). This past quarter, KDFWR also acquired an additional 850 acres (Buck Creek WMA) and an additional 1,293 acres as part of the Marion County WMA and State Forest.

**3.2.b** To increase the number of students exposed to conservation education by 50 percent by the end of FY 2011.

KDFWR enjoys 850 schools currently enrolled in the Archery in the Schools Program; while this year, the department registered 4,583 youth for our summer This represents a steady Conservation Camps. increase of campers each year from 4,240 in 2008 and 4,540 in 2009. Archery in the Schools participants is also up from 800 in 2008.

3.3.j To increase the number of paid subscriptions of Kentucky Afield to 35,000 by the end of FY 2010.

This past quarter and as of the last issue, KDFWR reached 27,400 paid subscribers to Kentucky Afield Magazine. This represents the highest number of paid subscriptions in the last ten years.

**3.4.a** To increase by 50 percent each year the number of members for the Kentucky uр Conservation Coalition by the end of FY 2012.

Coalition The Kentucky Conservation now has approximately 72,000 members signed up to receive and other information regarding updates department's initiatives. This represents a dramatic increase from only 1,000 members at the end of FY 2009.

**4.3.a** To establish at least one multi-use public access land-area by the end of FY 2010.

KDFWR recently announced the acquisition renaming of the Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area (OCORA), which represents more than 2,000 acres of new public hunting and fishing opportunity within 30 miles of Louisville, and simultaneously maintain the area for other such users as hikers, runners, horseback mountain bikers, campers, rock climbers, kayakers, and more. The location of this new area also supports the department's objective (2.2.f.) to increase public access in Kentucky's "golden triangle."